

## E-mail Announcements for December 18, 2009

### **County News**

#### **\*\*\*Cultural Diversity Workshop\*\*\***

On Tuesday, December 22, the 4-H Programs will be having our annual potluck holiday dinner at the 4-H office from 630-830p.m. We are asking that every family bring a dish to pass that represents their cultures. The 4-H program will provide the main course. We will start off with dinner and afterwards we will share our own cultures and traditions. We live in a very diverse world and it is important to understand, accept, and respect others. We will also have different activities to participate in. RSVP to Rachel by Monday, December 21, at 586-783-8163 or [rcalca@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:rcalca@macombcountymi.gov)

#### **\*\*\*Club Officer Training Rescheduled\*\*\***

Club Officer Training has been rescheduled for Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. There will be a general session followed by break out sessions for Presidents/VPs; Treasurers and their adult assistants; Secretaries; Historians and Reporters. Officers interested in attending should call the 4-H Office at 469-6431 or e-mail Anne at [anne.crotser@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:anne.crotser@macombcountymi.gov) by Thursday, January 14, 2010. We need your name, office, and club.

#### **\*\*\*County Awards Banquet\*\*\***

Mark your calendars! The county Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm at the Macomb Intermediate School District on Garfield Road. The cost this year is \$9 per person. Any youth who submitted an application may attend the event for FREE but all must RSVP by January 18. The price will increase to \$12 at the door for those who did not RSVP by the deadline.

#### **\*\*\* Sock Puppet Marathon Community Service \*\*\***

School Section 4-H Club makes sock puppets for a missionary to take to Haiti. The puppets are handed out when the missionary gives them medical attention. We will be hosting a county wide community service to reach our goal of 1,000 sock puppets! All 4-H clubs are welcome and anyone else who needs community service hours.

**When:** Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Location:** Armada United Methodist Church - 23200 E. Main Street Armada, MI 48005. Event will be in the basement of the church.

**Time:** 9am- 5pm

**Who:** Hosted by School Section 4-H Club and Macomb County Extension

**What:** Bring any scrap materials (yarn, felt, buttons, ribbon, etc.) and a hot glue gun. Please do not buy any items to participate in this community service.

**Why:** We are making these sock puppets to be taken down to Haiti to be given to children when they receive their vaccinations by a medical team

Donuts, Juice, and Coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. You must stay at least 2 hours to be provided breakfast of lunch.

**RSVP is a must** to have a count for food. RSVP by January 28 to Alissa Gianferrara at [schoolsection4h@att.net](mailto:schoolsection4h@att.net).

#### **\*\*\*Adult and Youth Leaders Wanted\*\*\***

4-H Council invites you to attend their next meeting scheduled for January 14 @6:15 at the Macomb 4-H office. Council members provide input and leadership to one of the four subcommittees: Fair, Finance, Outreach/Education or Recognition. The Council only meets 4 times a year: January, April,

July and October. Good healthy meals are served at each meeting. Please RSVP by January 13 if you would like to attend.

### **\*\*\*New Volunteer Orientations\*\*\***

All adults who are interested in becoming a screened 4-H volunteer must attend a new volunteer orientation. Orientations are held at the VerKuilen Building -21885 Dunham, Clinton Township 48036 and have been scheduled for the following dates and times:

Monday, December 21, 3-6 pm (Young adults who have aged out of 4-H are encouraged to attend)

Wednesday, January 20, 6-9 pm

Tuesday, February 9, 6-9 pm

Please RVSP by calling Vickie at 586-469-6431.

### **\*\*\* Help children in local hospitals- Community Service Opportunity\*\*\***

All 4-H youth are invited to attend the next Ambassador Club meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in assembly rooms A & B at the Verkuilen building. At the meeting you will learn how to make pillow cases that will then be donated to a local hospital for sick children. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Susan Wilkinson at [slwilk2003@yahoo.com](mailto:slwilk2003@yahoo.com) or call (586) 786-2177 so we can purchase an adequate amount of material for the project.

### **\*\*\*Steer Tagging\*\*\***

Steer tagging takes place at the Armada Fairgrounds on the first Sunday in February (7<sup>th</sup>), from noon to 2:00pm. All steers must be tagged at this time in order to be exhibited in the 2010 Armada Fair. All male market livestock must be castrated prior to tagging-no exceptions

## **State News**

### **\*\*\*Special MSU Basketball Event: 4-H Day with the MSU Women's Basketball Team\*\*\***

On Sunday, January 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., MSU Extension 4-H Youth and their families are invited to join thousands of 4-H'ers from across the state at MSU's Breslin Center to cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball Team as they take on Ohio. This FREE event celebrates 4-H volunteers and youth, and this year, we'll focus on Michigan 4-H Nutrition, Health and Well-Being programs. There will be activities and displays to help Michigan residents make smart food choices, learn about nutrition and apply what they learn, manage their food budget, manage chronic disease, prevent disease and improve their overall physical, mental and social well-being. For more information, visit the website <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/member/cool.html>  
Parking is \$5.00.

Remember to show your MSUE/4-H pride by wearing your green or white 4-H or MSUE apparel.

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact Roberta at the county Extension office. You can call her at 586-469-6431 or email [Roberta.Busquaert@macombcountymi.gov](mailto:Roberta.Busquaert@macombcountymi.gov)

### **\*\*\*State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show\*\*\***

This year's show will be held on January 30, 2010 at the MSU Pavilion and is open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 as of January 1, 2010. A non-competitive cloversprout division for 5-8 years of age is also available. On site registration begins at 6:30 am at it will be \$2.75 per class. Other events that

will take place at the show include Breed ID, Educational Posters and Displays, Ask the Vet student booth, and Supply Vendors. For more information visit the website at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#rabbits>

**\*\*\*Take Me Fishing Family Fun Day\*\*\***

Saturday, January 30, 2010, Kettunen Center, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Learn all about the lake environment through the ice! We'll be fishing with local experts, identifying local fishers, performing water tests, and examining the quality of plant and animal life of Center Lake in the winter. Other sessions will include fly tying with a professional river fishing guide, a presentation on salmon fishing, casting instruction, snow science and creating fish prints on a t-shirt you bring or a tote bag you can purchase here for \$3.00. All instruction, equipment, bait and a hot buffet lunch are included in the \$6.50 cost per person. **Pre registration is required by January 26, 2010.** Call the Kettunen Center at 231-829-3421 or email [kross@kettunencenter.org](mailto:kross@kettunencenter.org)

**\*\*\*MQHA/MI 4-H Horse Judging Workshop\*\*\***

February 5-6 a great opportunity for youth (9 years) or adults to gain experience in Horse Judging. For details about this event visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> **Registration is due January 26<sup>th</sup>** for questions contact County Office at 586-469-6090.

**\*\*\*MI 4-H Horse Program Benefit clinic\*\*\***

Perfecting the Patterns: Focusing on Showmanship and Horsemanship. Tickets for clinic are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. A limited number of youth riders are needed. Application for riders are available on the web site <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> for questions contact the County Office at 586-469-6090.

**\*\*\* 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop and 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop \*\*\***

March 19-21, 2010

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Two workshops in one! These workshops are running on the same schedule. Participants from each one will be able to sign up for sessions offered by the other workshop, but must select one as your "main workshop" when registering. Pick from a variety of topics offered in six different break-out session time blocks. Gain fun, hands-on ideas, projects and activities for use in your club or county programming. Update your knowledge and skills, share ideas with others from around the state, and help kids enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Bring an item to donate or extra spending money for bidding to help support the auction for your workshop. Adults and youth ages 13 or older may attend. The cost is \$70 per person (4-H). Register through the county MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on March 5, 2010. Call 586-469-6431 for more information. Click here for the workshop packets: [4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education](#); [4-H Plant Science & Entomology](#).

**\*\*\*New this Year\*\*\***

February 6 a State 4-H Equine Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest—The purpose of this event is to offer 4-H members an opportunity to develop public speaking and demonstration skills and an opportunity to qualify for national contests. **Registration is due** in the County 4-H Office by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the County Office at 586-469-6090 for questions.



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